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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the above Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested to place this patent application in better form for examination and prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

This response is also accompanied with a check and/or authorization to charge deposit account for any additional claim fee due as a result of this Amendment because either the number of independent claims exceeds the number of independent claims for which fees have previously been paid, the total number of claims exceeds the total number of claims for which fees have previously been paid, or both.

Amendments to the Claims

By the above, claims 33-40 have been added to more completely claim the invention disclosed in the subject patent application.

Newly added claims 33-40 find support throughout the originally filed application, specification and drawings. More particularly, added claims 33 and 37 find support in FIG. 6B and at page 26, line 18 through page 27, line 5 and page 28, lines 3-19, for example. Added claims 34 and 38 find support in FIGS. 3A and 3B and at page 16, line 6 through page 17, line 7 and page 19, lines 8-15, for example.

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Added claims 35 and 39 find support in FIG. 3B and at page 16, line 6 through page 17, line 7 and page 19, lines 8-15, for example. Added claims 36 and 40 find support in FIGS. 3A, 3B and 6B and at page 16, line 6 through page 17, line 7; page 19, lines 8-15 and page 26, line 18 through page 27, line 5, for example.

5 An early and favorable action on the merits is solicited.

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